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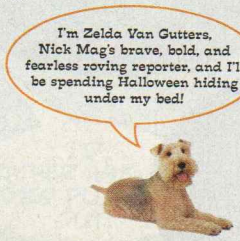
I'm Zelda Van Gutters, Nick Mag's brave, bold, and fearless roving reporter, and I'll be spending Halloween hiding under my bed!

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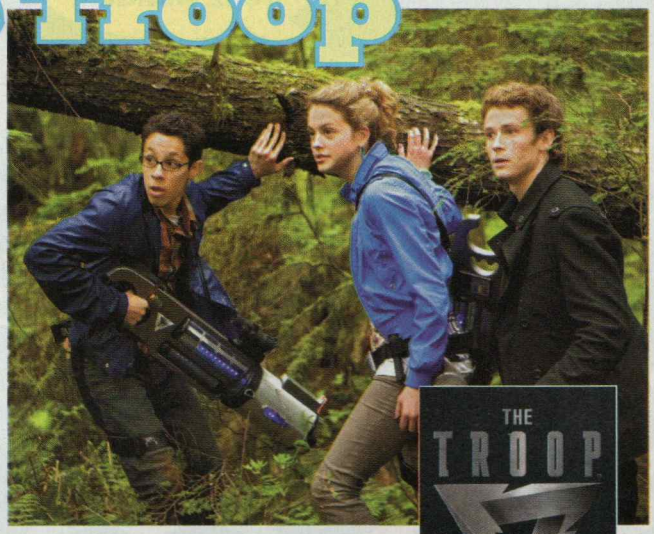

They might look like ordinary kids, but Jake, Hayley, and Felix share one very big secret. All three are members of The Troop, a mysterious organization dedicated to keeping the world's monster population in check. Along with their adviser, Stockley, they must track, battle, and even befriend creatures in their hometown. The operation takes effect on Friday nights in September. Check **nick.com** for games based on the show.

BrainSurge

Gear up for a mind-bending new game show that tests your memory and concentration skills. Play along at home as kids compete in three levels of thrilling challenges. Can they avoid sliding down the Brain Drain? Will they get sucked into the Face Wall? Jeff Sutphen hosts the fast-paced action when *BrainSurge* airs on weekdays at 4:30 PM, starting Monday, September 28. Go to **nick.com** to play *BrainSurge* games on your own!

Host Jeff Sutphen

WHAT'S NEW ON NICK

iCarly

Who will win the "*iCarly* Awards"? Find out during a brand-new *iCarly* this month. For even more fun with Carly, Sam, Freddie, and Spencer, catch episodes on weekdays at 6 PM, starting Monday, September 14.

True Jackson, VP

Tune in for "True Fashion," an all-new episode of *True Jackson, VP,* this month. Also, check out **www.truejacksonvp.com** for games and downloads.

The Mighty B!

Join Bessie Higgenbottom for five days of *Mighty B!* premieres, starting Monday, September 21.

Worldwide Day of Play

On Saturday, September 26, Nick is going off the air from 12 noon to 3 PM so you can get outside to move, groove, and improve.

Will fetch for food.

Dates are subject to change. Check **nick.com** for details.

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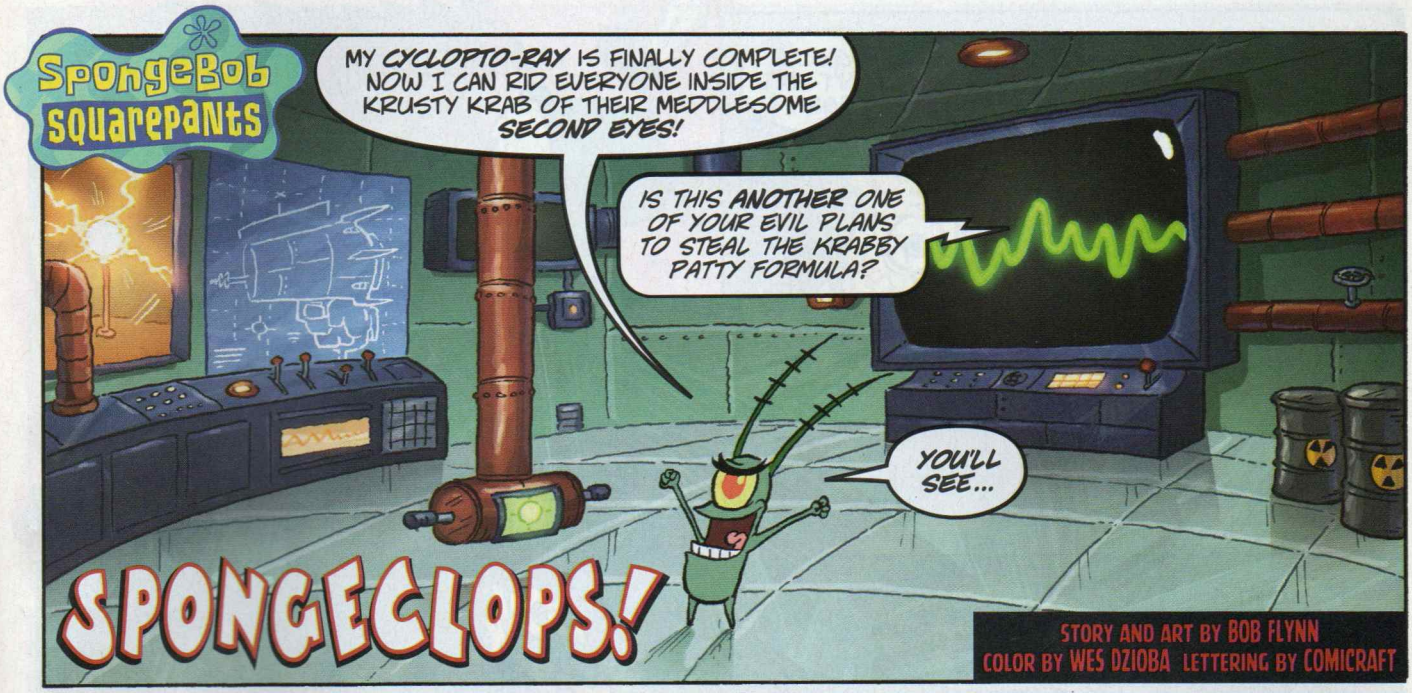
SpongeBob squarepants
MY CYCLOPTO-RAY IS FINALLY COMPLETE! NOW I CAN RID EVERYONE INSIDE THE KRUSTY KRAB OF THEIR MEDDLESOME SECOND EYES!
IS THIS ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR EVIL PLANS TO STEAL THE KRABBY PATTY FORMULA?
YOU'LL SEE...
SPONGECLOPS!
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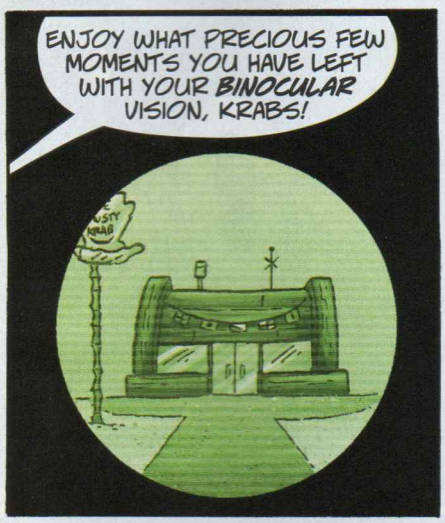

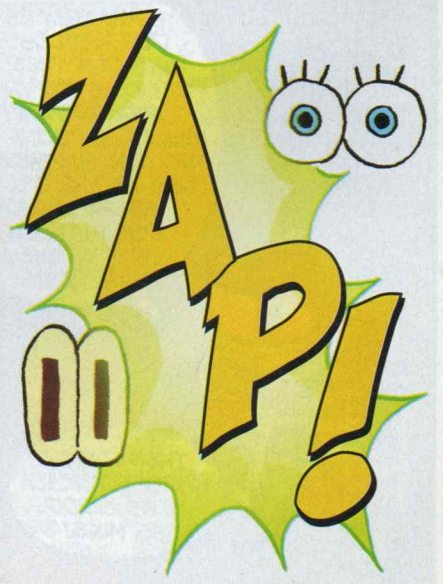

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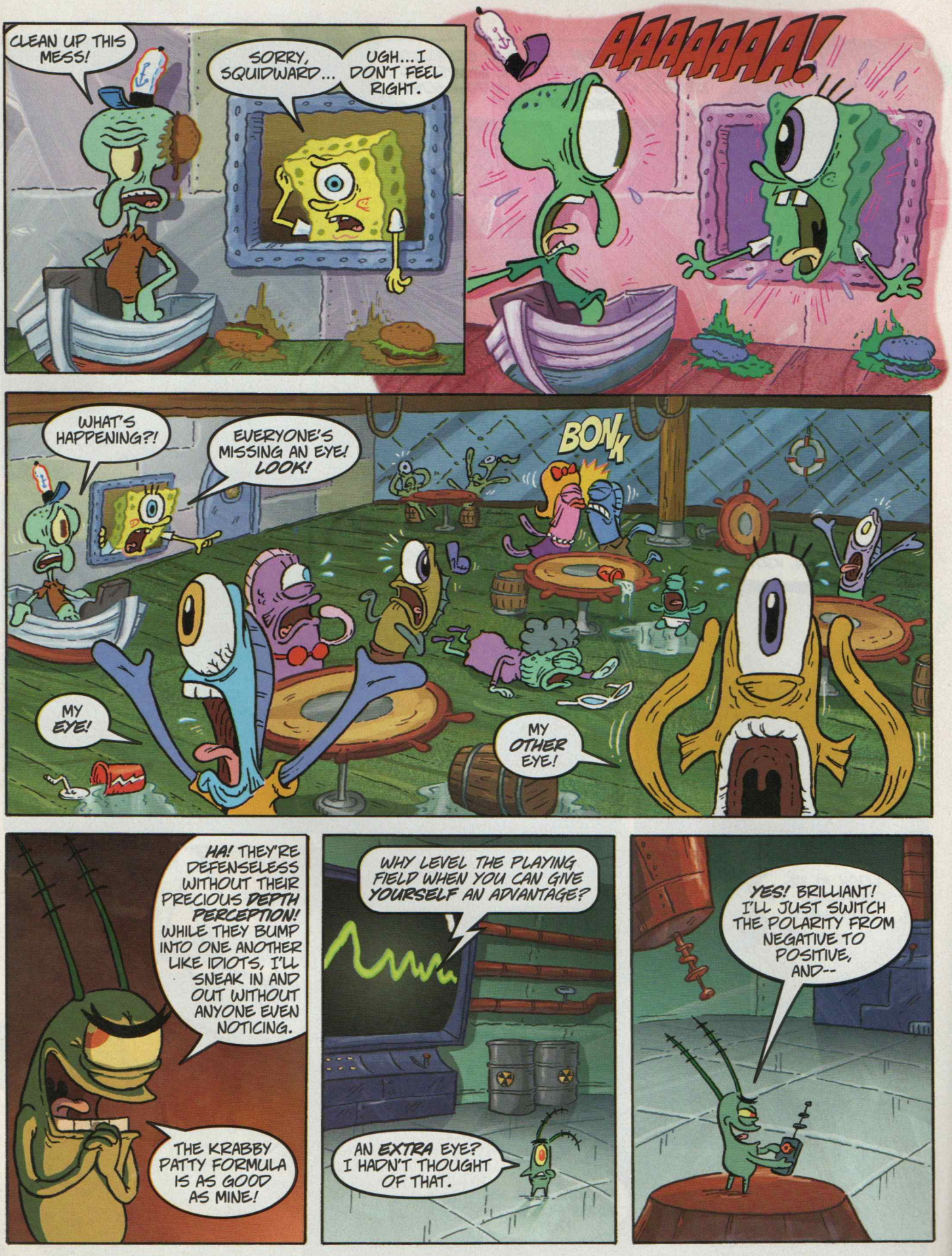
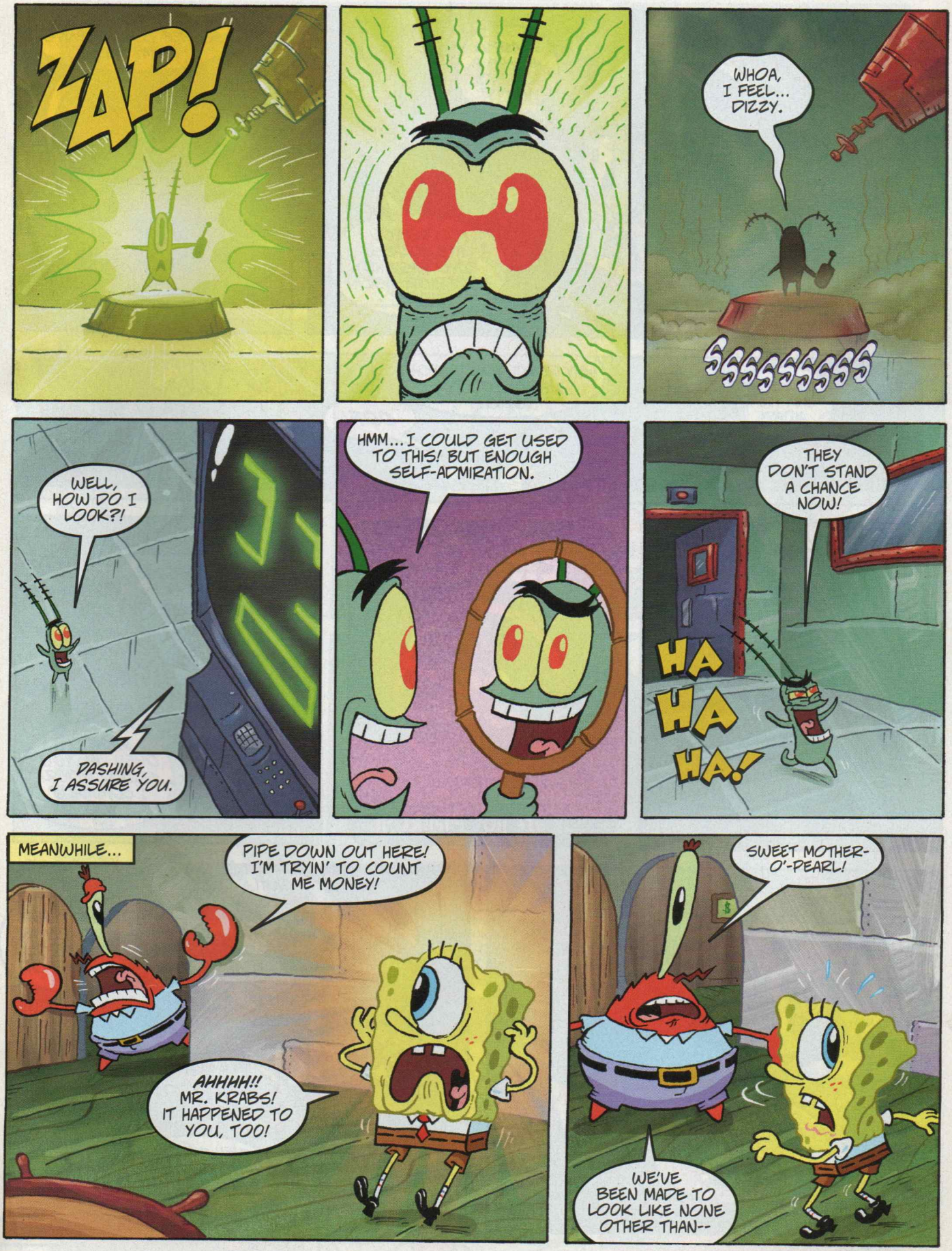
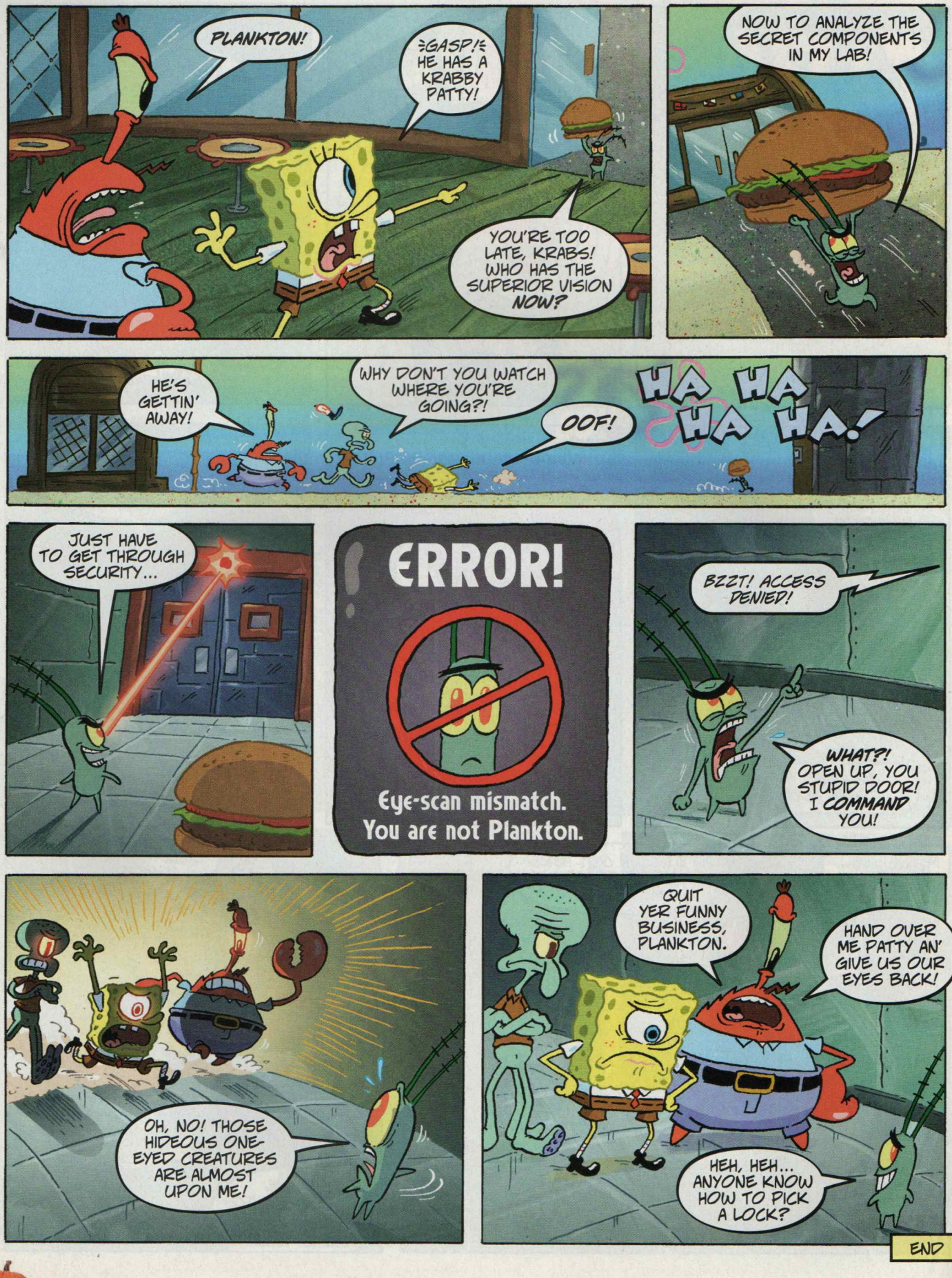

CLEAN UP THIS MESS!
SORRY, SQUIDWARD...
UGH...I DON'T FEEL RIGHT.
AAAAAAA!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
EVERYONE'S MISSING AN EYE! LOOK!
BONK
MY EYE!
MY OTHER EYE!
HA! THEY'RE DEFENSELESS WITHOUT THEIR PRECIOUS DEPTH PERCEPTION! WHILE THEY BUMP INTO ONE ANOTHER LIKE IDIOTS, I'LL SNEAK IN AND OUT WITHOUT ANYONE EVEN NOTICING.
THE KRABBY PATTY FORMULA IS AS GOOD AS MINE!
WHY LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD WHEN YOU CAN GIVE YOURSELF AN ADVANTAGE?
AN EXTRA EYE? I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT.
YES! BRILLIANT! I'LL JUST SWITCH THE POLARITY FROM NEGATIVE TO POSITIVE, AND--


ZAP!
WHOA, I FEEL... DIZZY.
SSSSSSSSS
WELL, HOW DO I LOOK?!
DASHING, I ASSURE YOU.
HMM... I COULD GET USED TO THIS! BUT ENOUGH SELF-ADMIRATION.
THEY DON'T STAND A CHANCE NOW!
HA HA HA!
MEANWHILE...
PIPE DOWN OUT HERE! I'M TRYIN' TO COUNT ME MONEY!
AHHHH!! MR. KRABS! IT HAPPENED TO YOU, TOO!
SWEET MOTHER-O'-PEARL!
WE'VE BEEN MADE TO LOOK LIKE NONE OTHER THAN--


PLANKTON!
=GASP!= HE HAS A KRABBY PATTY!
YOU'RE TOO LATE, KRABS! WHO HAS THE SUPERIOR VISION NOW?
NOW TO ANALYZE THE SECRET COMPONENTS IN MY LAB!
HE'S GETTIN' AWAY!
WHY DON'T YOU WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING?!
OOF!
HA HA HA HA HA!
JUST HAVE TO GET THROUGH SECURITY...
ERROR!
Eye-scan mismatch. You are not Plankton.
BZZT! ACCESS DENIED!
WHAT?! OPEN UP, YOU STUPID DOOR! I COMMAND YOU!
OH, NO! THOSE HIDEOUS ONE-EYED CREATURES ARE ALMOST UPON ME!
QUIT YER FUNNY BUSINESS, PLANKTON.
HAND OVER ME PATTY AN' GIVE US OUR EYES BACK!
HEH, HEH... ANYONE KNOW HOW TO PICK A LOCK?
END

THE CLAW-BEAST OF BIKINI BOTTOM
UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE THE OL' FINGERNAILS ARE GETTING A BIT LONG!
THERE YOU ARE, CLIPPERS! LET'S CLIP!
CLIP CLIP CLIPPITY
NICE!
AFTER ALL THAT HARD WORK, I THINK I DESERVE A TASTY ORANGE!
AAAH! I CAN'T PEEL IT WITHOUT MY FINGERNAILS!
SCRAPE
PAW
MAYBE I'LL FEEL BETTER IF I JUST LISTEN TO THIS NEW CD...
OH, NO! I CAN'T OPEN IT WITHOUT MY FINGERNAILS!
BOB GILLAN
=SIGH=
WHAT THE?! I CAN'T EVEN PICK MY NOSE! THAT'S IT! I GOTTA GET MY FINGERNAILS BACK!
PAW
SCRAPE

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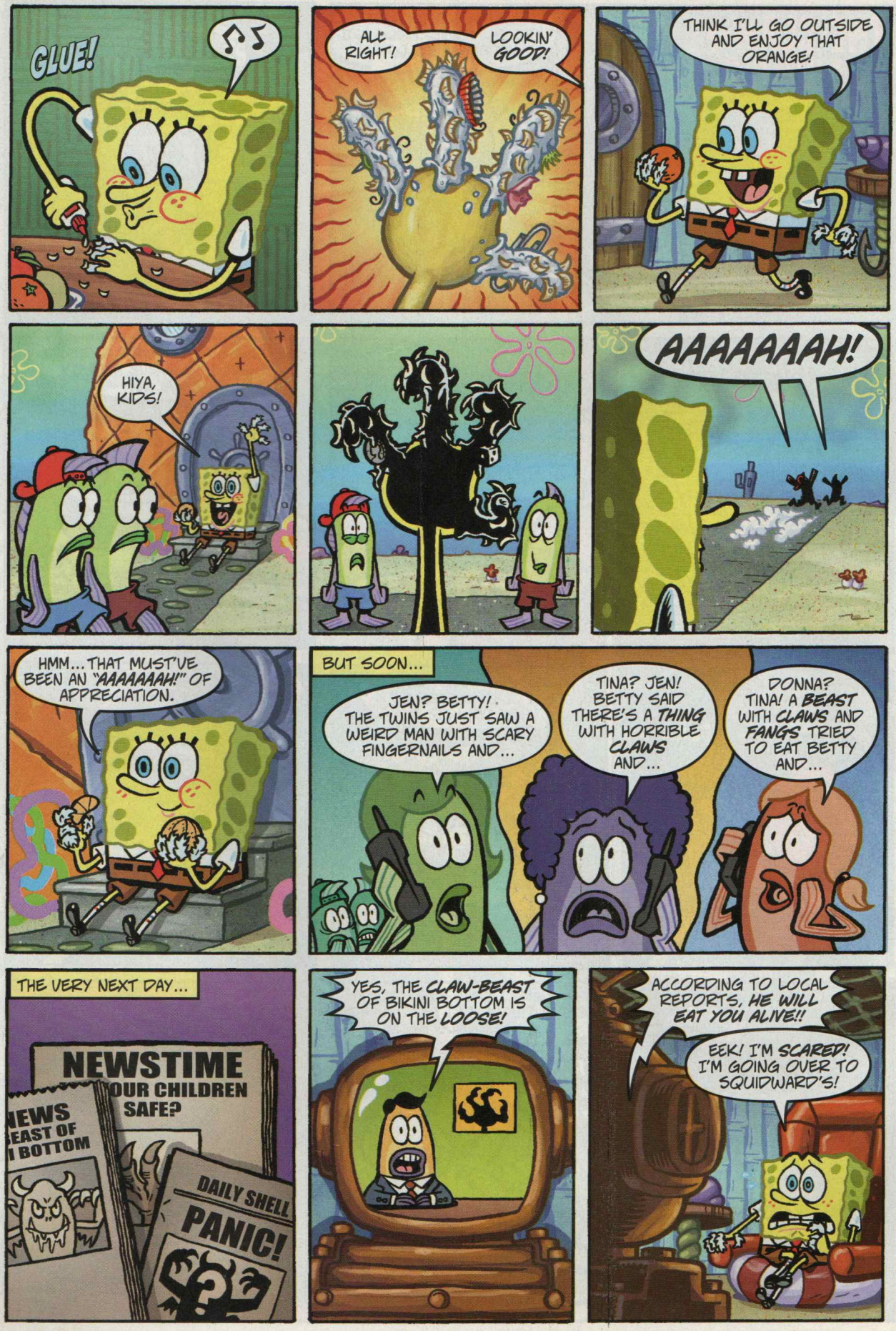
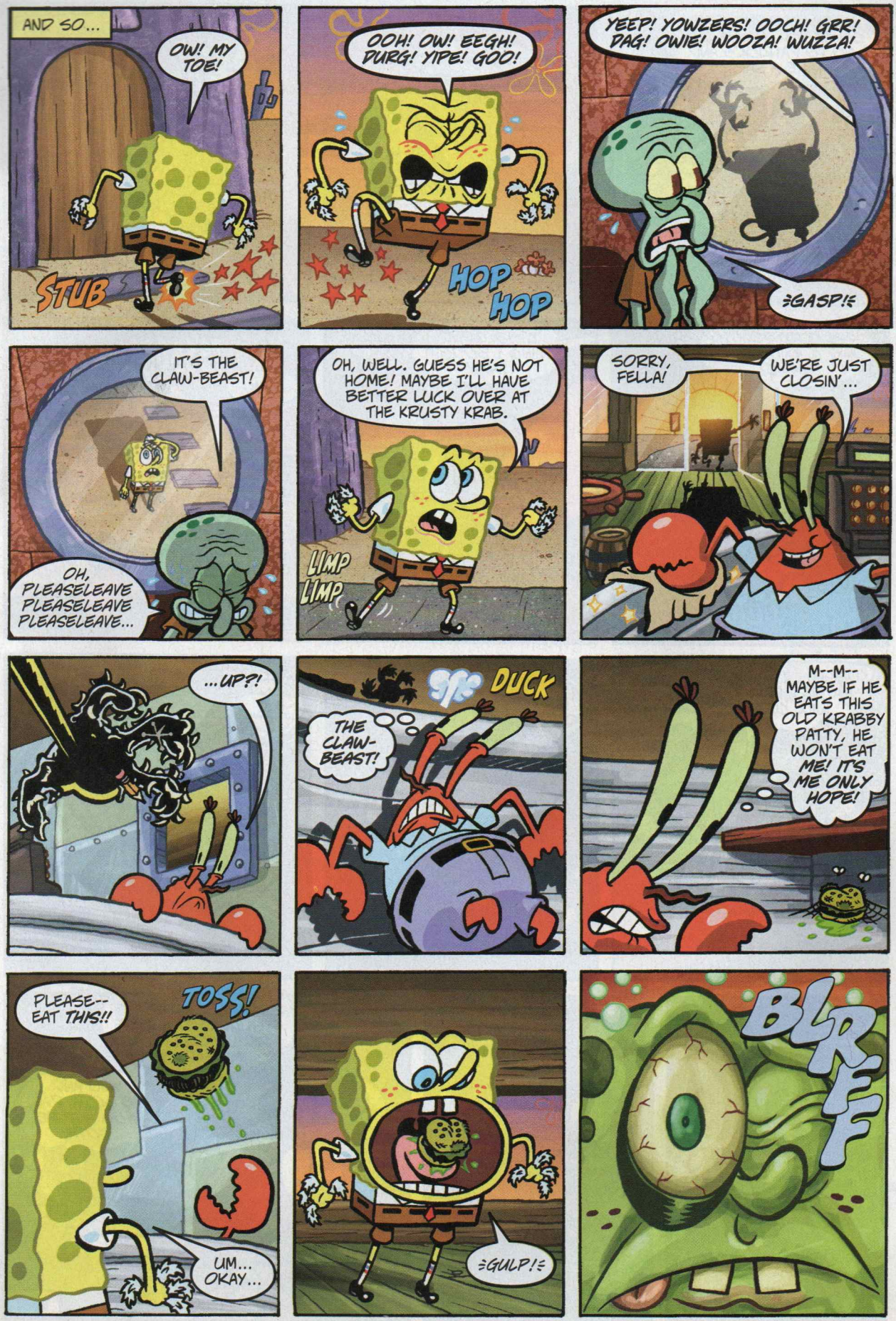

GLUE!
ALL RIGHT!
LOOKIN' GOOD!
THINK I'LL GO OUTSIDE AND ENJOY THAT ORANGE!
HIYA, KIDS!
AAAAAAAH!
HMM... THAT MUST'VE BEEN AN "AAAAAAAH!" OF APPRECIATION.
BUT SOON...
JEN? BETTY! THE TWINS JUST SAW A WEIRD MAN WITH SCARY FINGERNAILS AND...
TINA? JEN! BETTY SAID THERE'S A THING WITH HORRIBLE CLAWS AND...
DONNA? TINA! A BEAST WITH CLAWS AND FANGS TRIED TO EAT BETTY AND...
THE VERY NEXT DAY...
NEWSTIME
OUR CHILDREN SAFE?
DAILY SHELL
PANIC!
YES, THE CLAW-BEAST OF BIKINI BOTTOM IS ON THE LOOSE!
ACCORDING TO LOCAL REPORTS, HE WILL EAT YOU ALIVE!!
EEK! I'M SCARED! I'M GOING OVER TO SQUIDWARD'S!


AND SO...
OW! MY TOE!
STUB
OOH! OW! EEGH! DURG! YIPE! GOO!
HOP HOP
YEEP! YOWZERS! OOCH! GRR! DAG! OWIE! WOOZA! WUZZA!
=GASP!=
IT'S THE CLAW-BEAST!
OH, PLEASELEAVE PLEASELEAVE PLEASELEAVE...
OH, WELL. GUESS HE'S NOT HOME! MAYBE I'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK OVER AT THE KRUSTY KRAB.
LIMP LIMP
SORRY, FELLA!
WE'RE JUST CLOSIN'...
...UP?!
DUCK
THE CLAW-BEAST!
M--M--MAYBE IF HE EATS THIS OLD KRABBY PATTY, HE WON'T EAT ME! IT'S ME ONLY HOPE!
PLEASE-- EAT THIS!!
TOSS!
UM... OKAY...
=GULP!=
BLRFF

UGGH... I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD... MAYBE I'LL GO TO PATRICK'S AND TAKE A NAP...
PAAATRICK...
PAAATRIIICK!
THE CLAW-BEAST! AND IT KNOWS MY NAME!
IT'S A GOOD THING I BOUGHT THIS!
CLAW-BEAST REPELLENT
TSSSSSSS
EEK!
UGGHH... I'M SO CONFUSED. MAYBE A RIDE ON THE BUS WILL CLEAR MY HEAD.
BUS
UGHH...
BUS
BUS
DAILY SHELL PANIC
ALL THIS CLAW-BEAST HYSTERIA REALLY HAS ME WORRIED FOR MY SAFETY.
YOU AND ME BOTH, PAL. YOU AND ME BOTH!
DAILY SHELL PANIC!
END

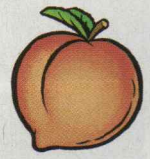
SpongeBob SquarePuzzle #8

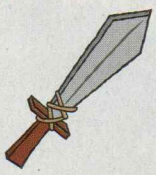
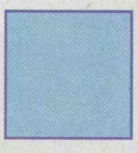
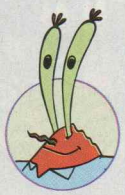
by Robert Leighton

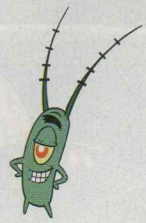
SpongeBob is on a scavenger hunt, but there's one thing he can't find. Help him out by following the clues below and crossing out any pictures that apply until only one remains. Happy hunting!

Answers on page 32.

1. Cross out the two pictures whose names, when put together, make SpongeBob's last name.
2. Cross out the two pictures whose names can become the word *BEACH* by changing one letter.
3. Cross out the two creatures that have a shell.
4. Cross out the three pictures whose names can be put before the word *FISH* to make the name of a common sea creature.
5. Cross out the picture whose name contains the same letters as *OCEAN*, but in a different order.
6. Cross out the three pictures whose names begin with the same three letters.
7. Cross out the two pictures whose names rhyme with each other.





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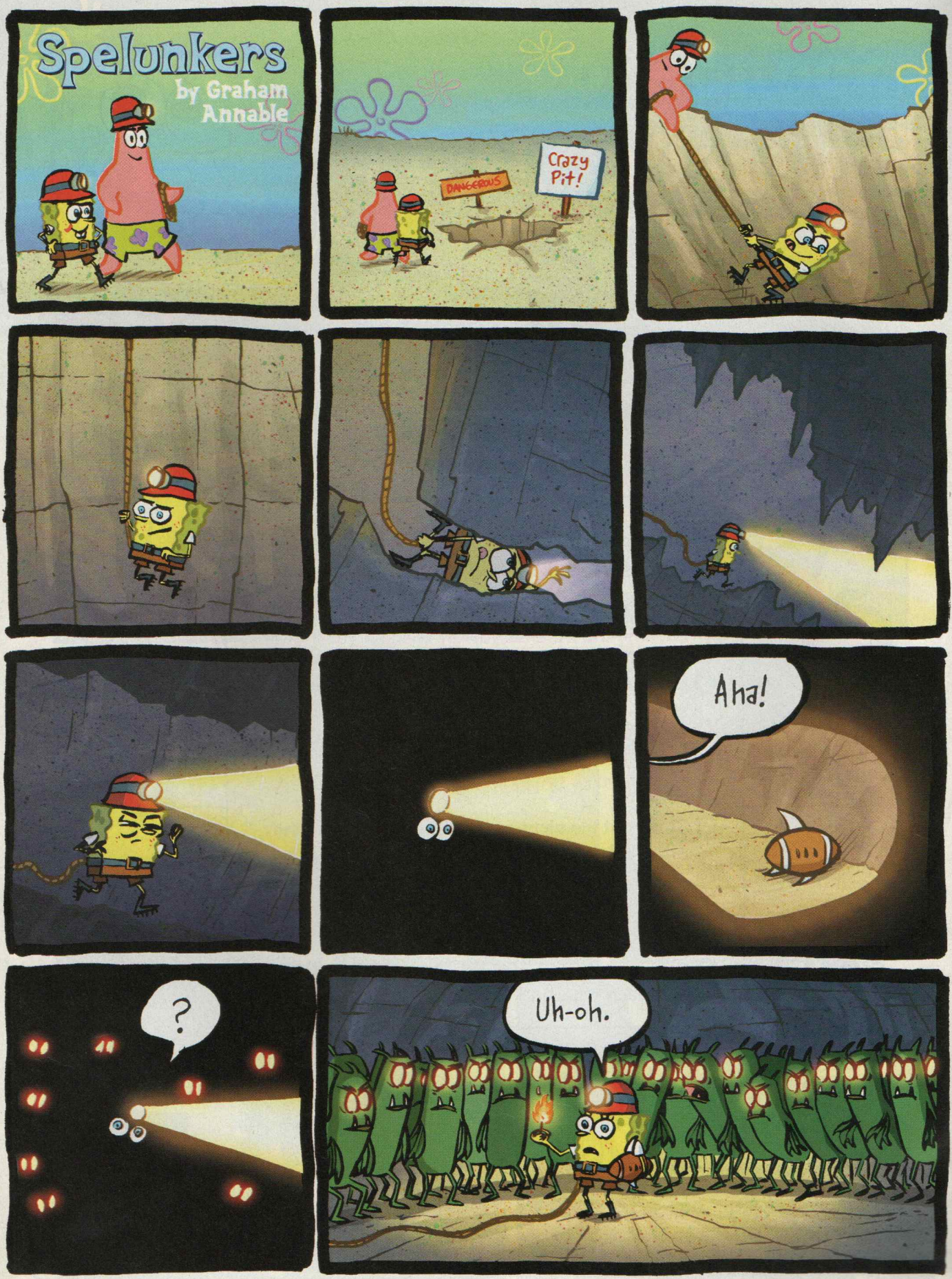
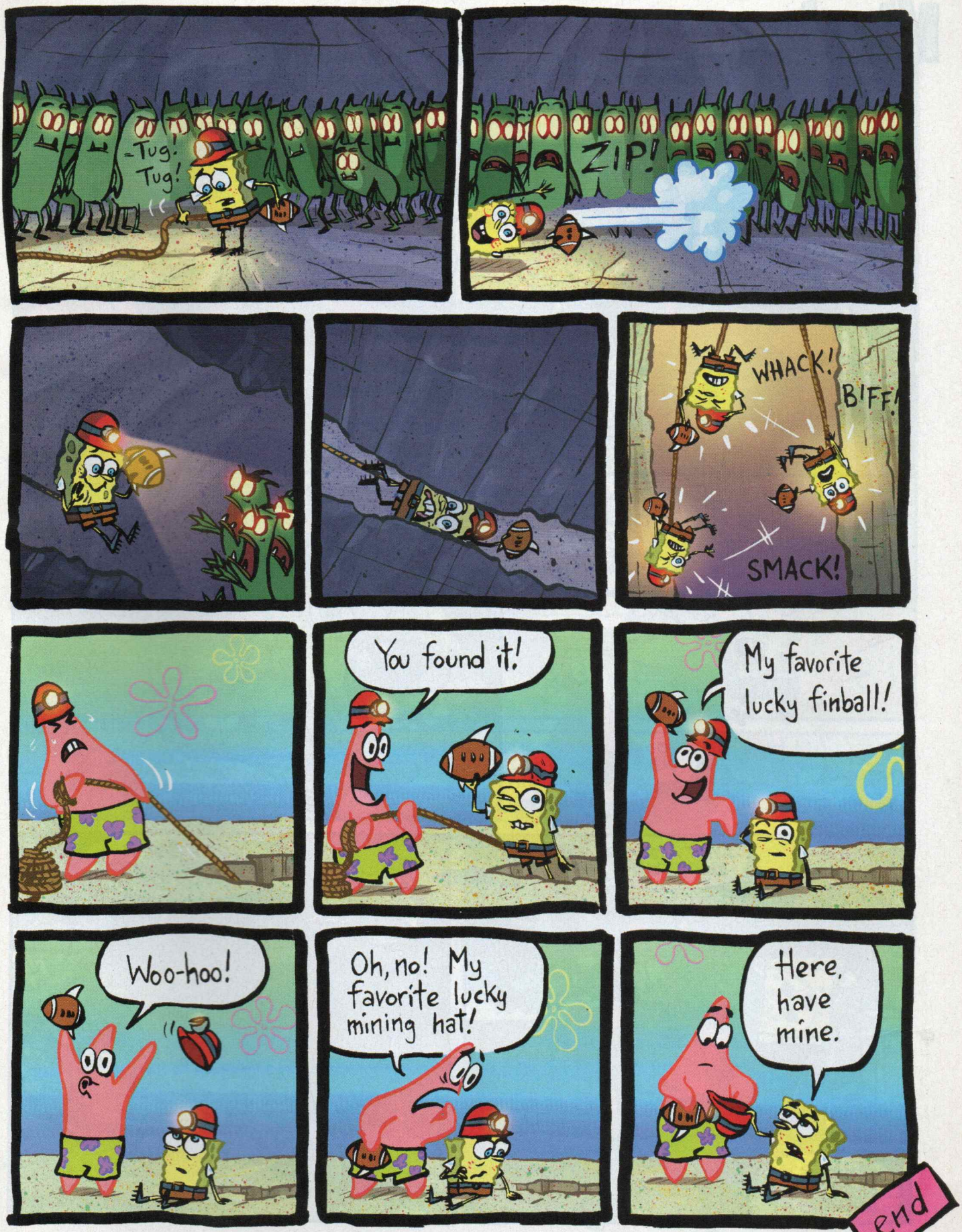
SpongeBob can't find _____.


Spelunkers
by Graham Annable
DANGEROUS
Crazy Pit!
Aha!
?
Uh-oh.



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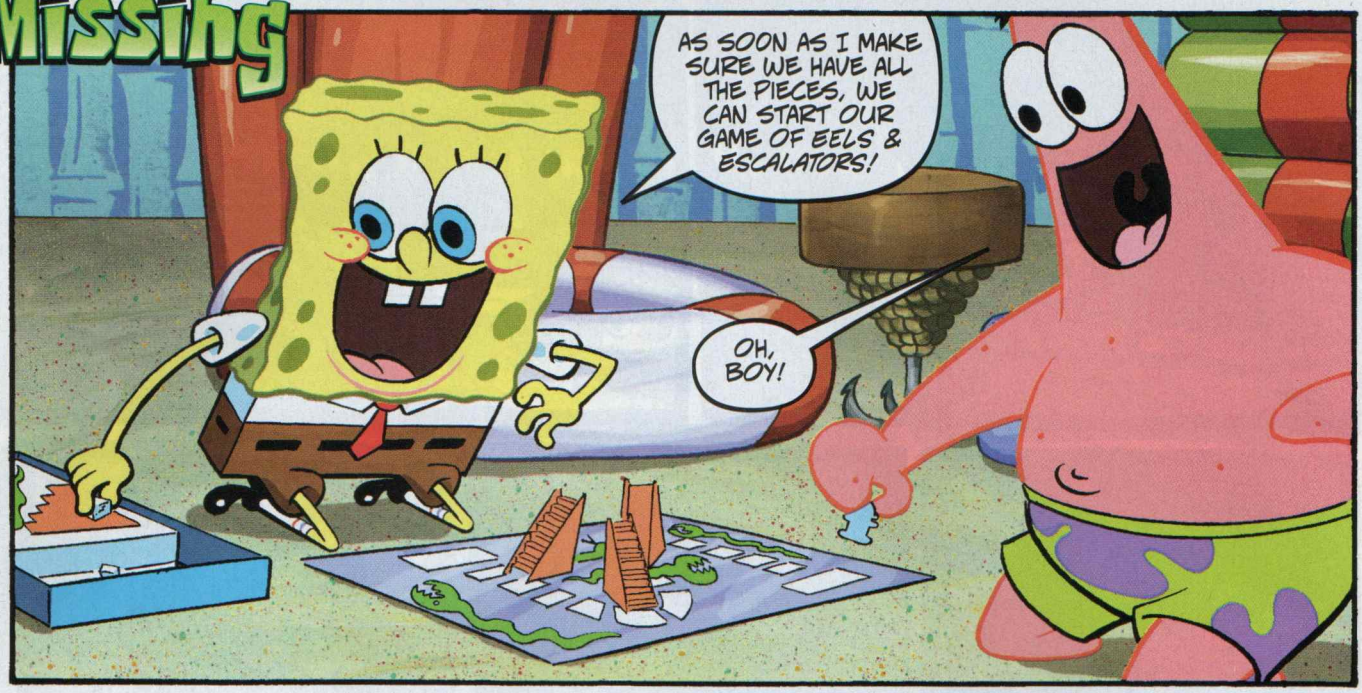
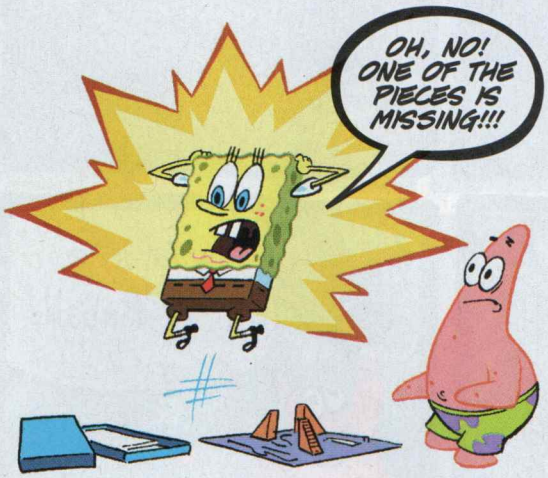
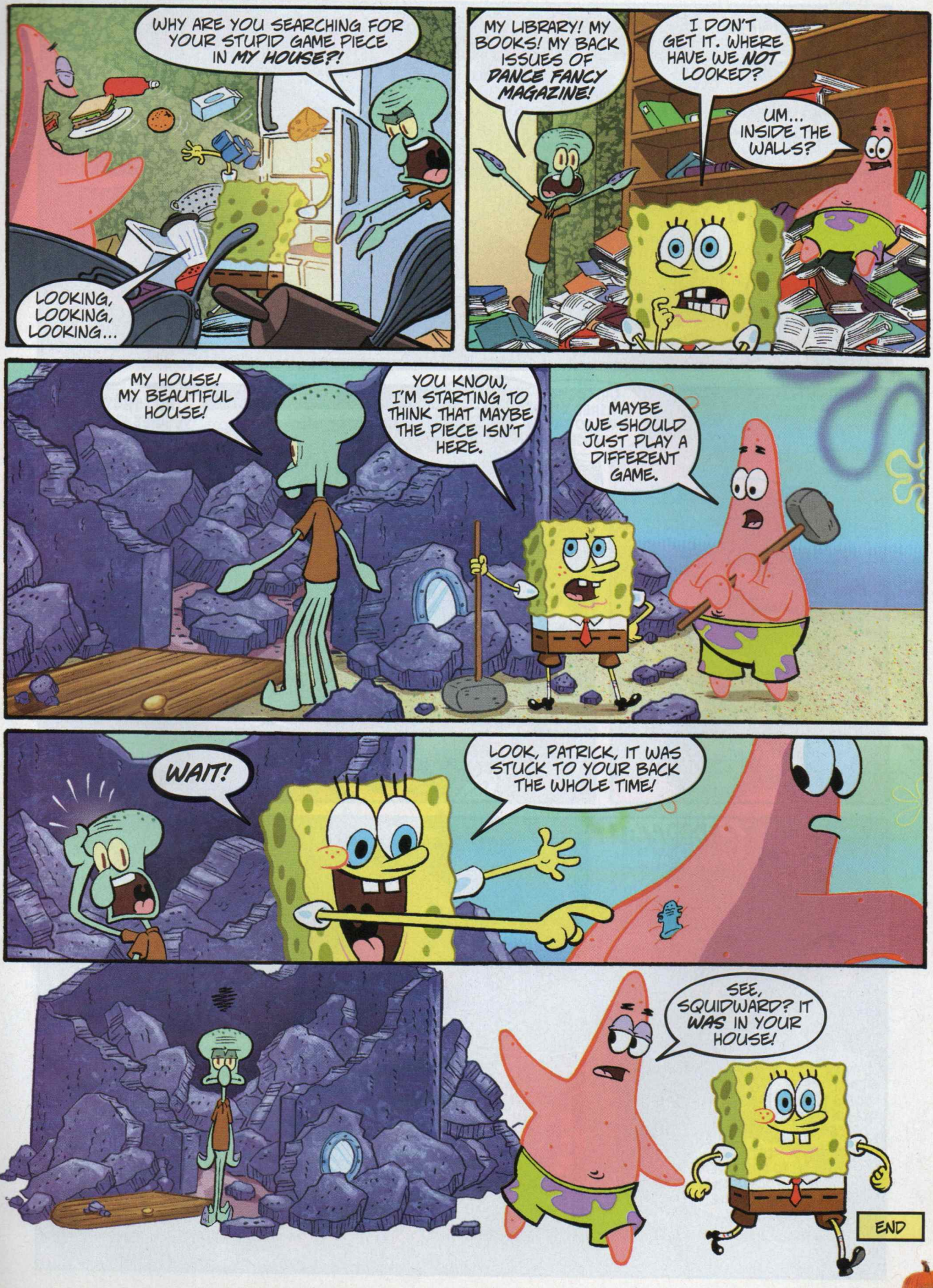

AS SOON AS I MAKE SURE WE HAVE ALL THE PIECES, WE CAN START OUR GAME OF EELS & ESCALATORS!
OH, BOY!


OH, NO! ONE OF THE PIECES IS MISSING!!!

MISSING PIECE! WHERE SHOULD WE LOOK? WHERE?
WHERE?
WHERE?
UM... SQUIDWARD'S HOUSE?

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?!
WHERE IS IT? WHERE IS IT? WHERE IS IT?

GOTTA FIND IT! GOTTA FIND IT! GOTTA FIND IT!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
HIS EELS & ESCALATORS GAME IS MISSING A PIECE.


WHY ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR YOUR STUPID GAME PIECE IN MY HOUSE?!
LOOKING, LOOKING, LOOKING...
MY LIBRARY! MY BOOKS! MY BACK ISSUES OF DANCE FANCY MAGAZINE!
I DON'T GET IT. WHERE HAVE WE NOT LOOKED?
UM... INSIDE THE WALLS?
MY HOUSE! MY BEAUTIFUL HOUSE!
YOU KNOW, I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT MAYBE THE PIECE ISN'T HERE.
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST PLAY A DIFFERENT GAME.
WAIT!
LOOK, PATRICK, IT WAS STUCK TO YOUR BACK THE WHOLE TIME!
SEE, SQUIDWARD? IT WAS IN YOUR HOUSE!
END

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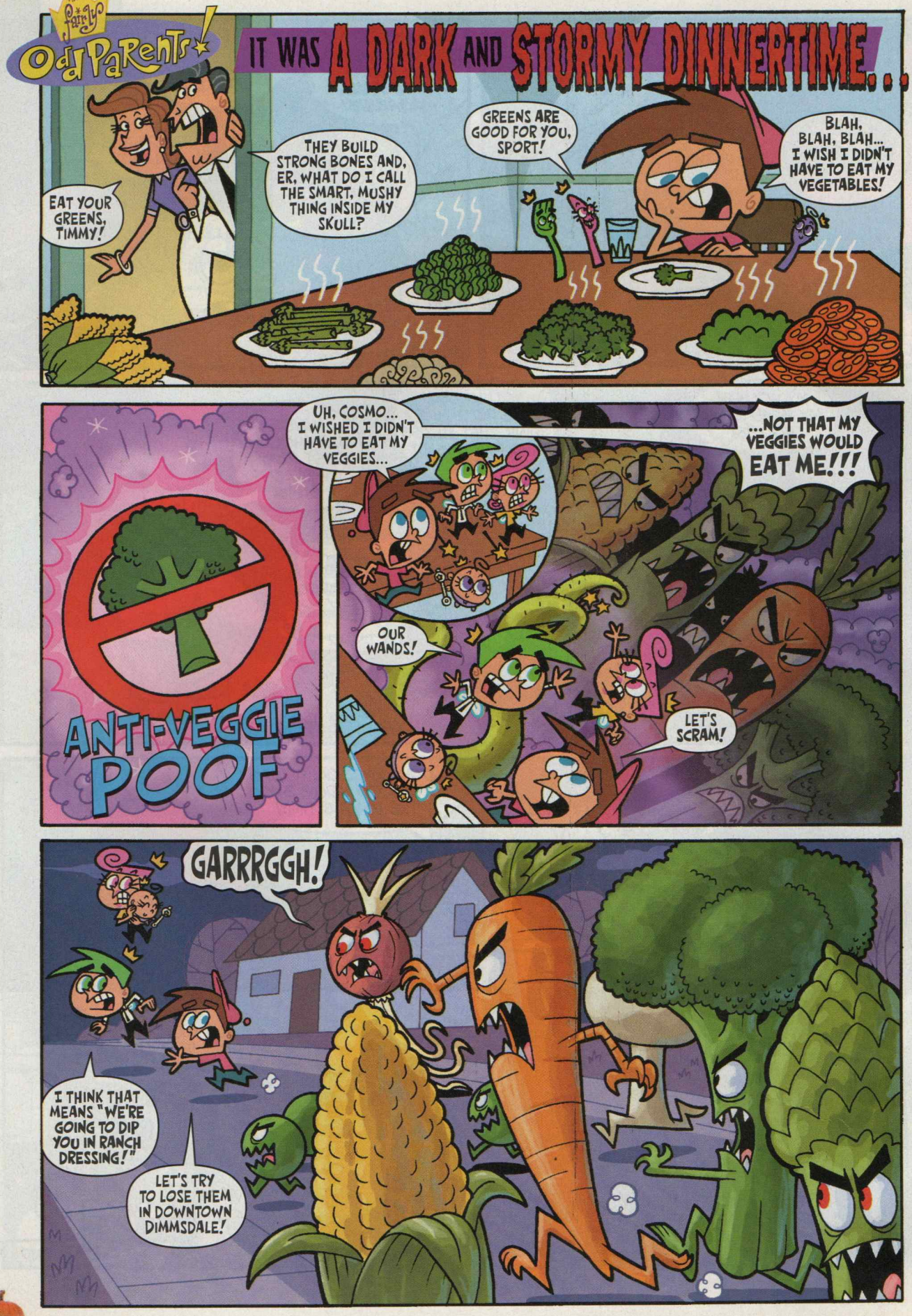
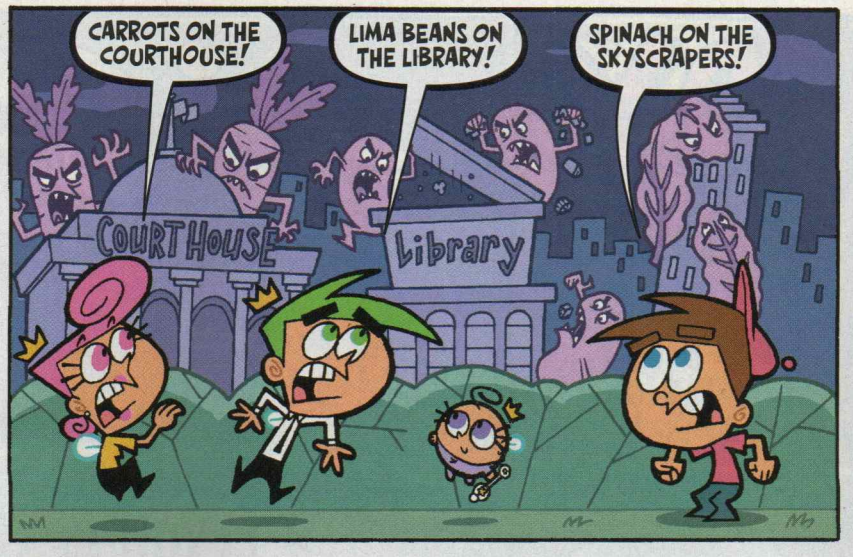
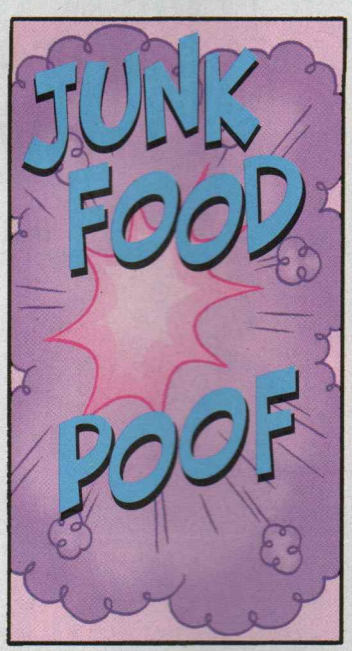

the Fairly OddParents!
IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY DINNERTIME...
EAT YOUR GREENS, TIMMY!
THEY BUILD STRONG BONES AND, ER, WHAT DO I CALL THE SMART, MUSHY THING INSIDE MY SKULL?
GREENS ARE GOOD FOR YOU, SPORT!
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH... I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO EAT MY VEGETABLES!
ANTI-VEGGIE POOF
UH, COSMO... I WISHED I DIDN'T HAVE TO EAT MY VEGGIES...
...NOT THAT MY VEGGIES WOULD EAT ME!!!
OUR WANDS!
LET'S SCRAM!
GARRRGGH!
I THINK THAT MEANS "WE'RE GOING TO DIP YOU IN RANCH DRESSING!"
LET'S TRY TO LOSE THEM IN DOWNTOWN DIMMSDALE!





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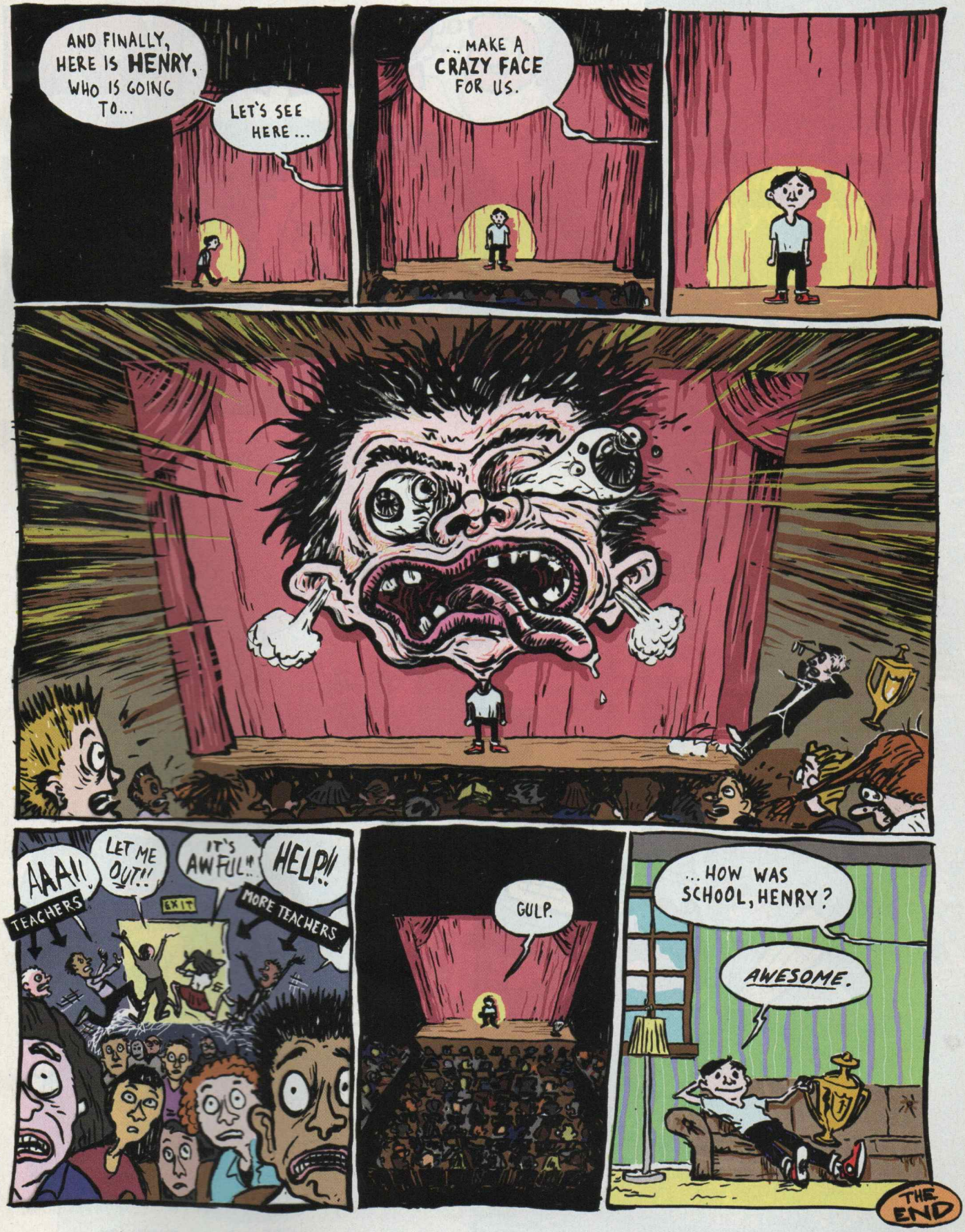
HENRY
THE KID WHO CAN MAKE THE MOST INSANE FACES IN THE WORLD, EVER.
I'M NOT DOING IT RIGHT NOW, THOUGH.
... ALL RIGHT, STUDENTS ...
...IT'S TALENT SHOW TIME!!
CLAP HARDEST FOR THE PERSON WITH THE MOST TALENT, AND AT THE END, WE'LL VOTE.
BE NICE, THOUGH.
THE WINNER GETS THIS GIANT, ENORMOUS TROPHY.
I'LL GO OVER HERE NOW.
YOU ARE THE WIIIND BENEATH MY WINGS
HMM. WELL.
CLAP.
CLAP CLAP
WOO HOO
WOW.
YAY!!
HOORAY!
YOW
CLAP
THAT'S HIGHLY ILLEGAL.
SEE ME AFTER SCHOOL.
FWHOOSH!!
HELP!!
CLAPPETY
THAT IS VERY UPSETTING.
MUNCH MUNCH.
PLEASE STOP IT.


AND FINALLY, HERE IS HENRY, WHO IS GOING TO...
LET'S SEE HERE...
... MAKE A CRAZY FACE FOR US.
AAA!!
TEACHERS
LET ME OUT!!
EXIT
IT'S AWFUL!!
HELP!!
MORE TEACHERS
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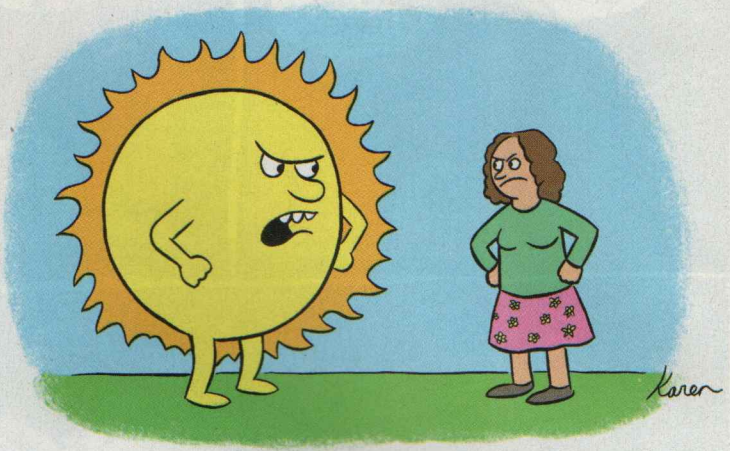
... HOW WAS SCHOOL, HENRY?
AWESOME.
THE END

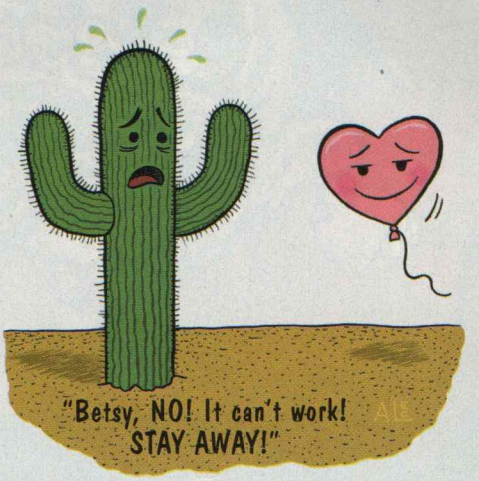
Zak Sally

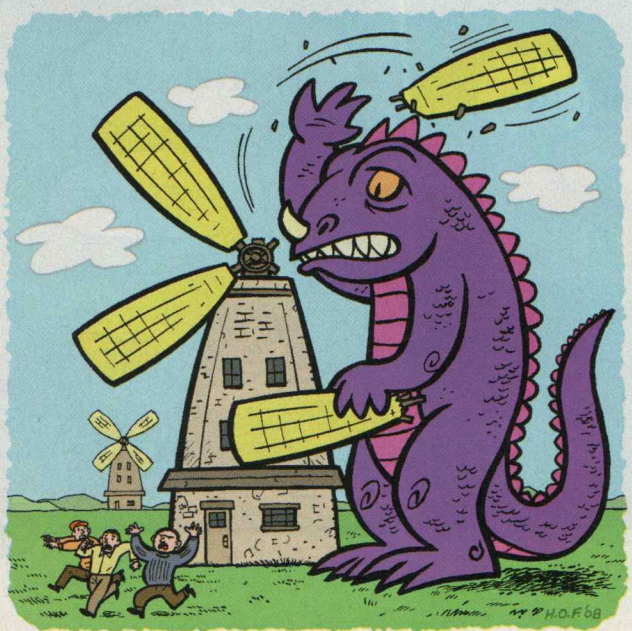
GAG STATION

"Trust us, this would take about eight seconds in the microwave."



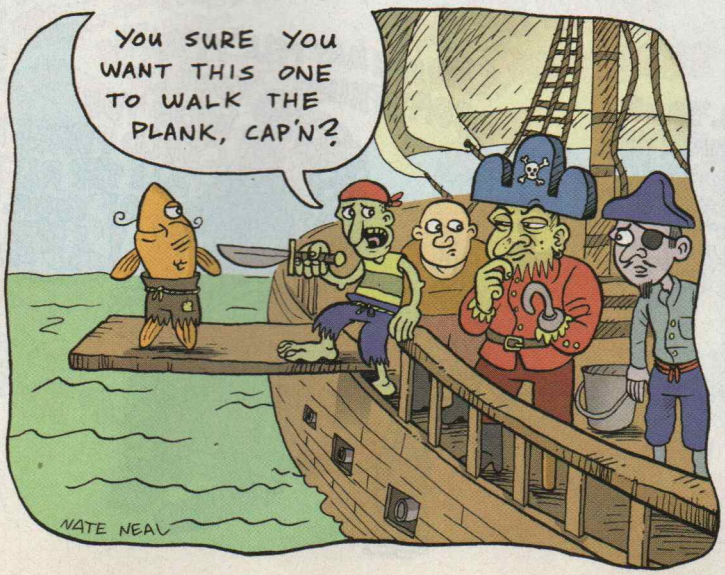
"AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE WORLD *DOES* REVOLVE AROUND ME!"





"SHE LOVES ME, SHE LOVES ME NOT..."

"I've been carrying this thing around for years and I still don't know how to play it!"



Mark Martin (roaches), J. Cavalieri (witch), Karen Sneider (sun), Alec Longstreth (cactus), Evan Dorkin and Sarah Dyer (windmill), Bill Alger and Douglas Bratton (angels), Ian Baker (Dracula door), Francho (Frankenstein), Nate Neal (raccoon and fish).

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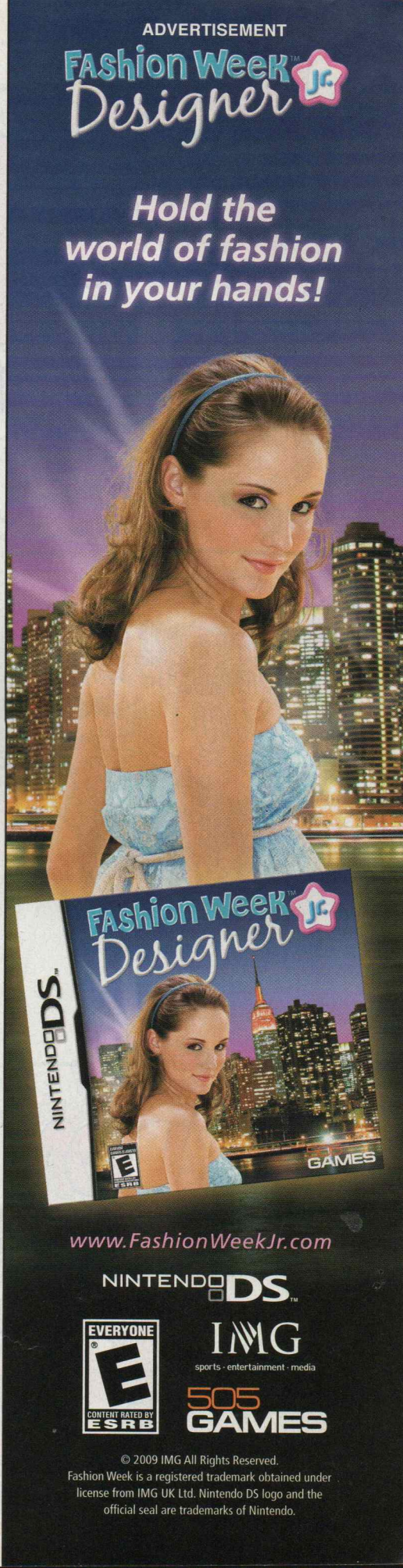

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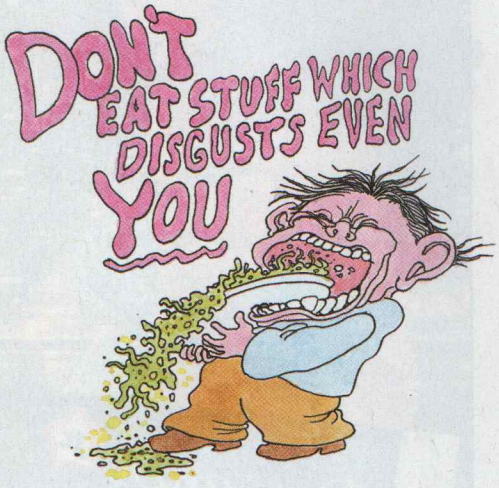
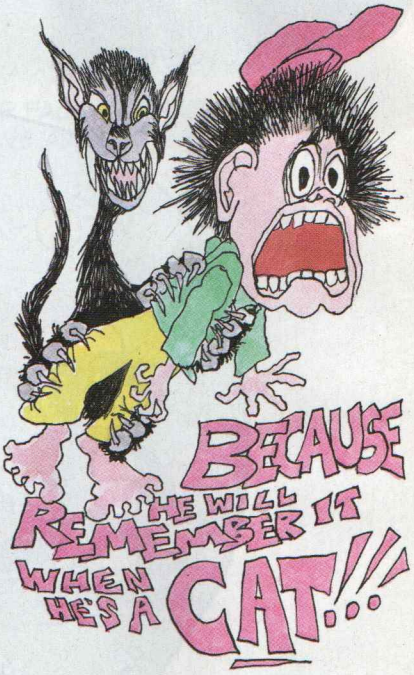
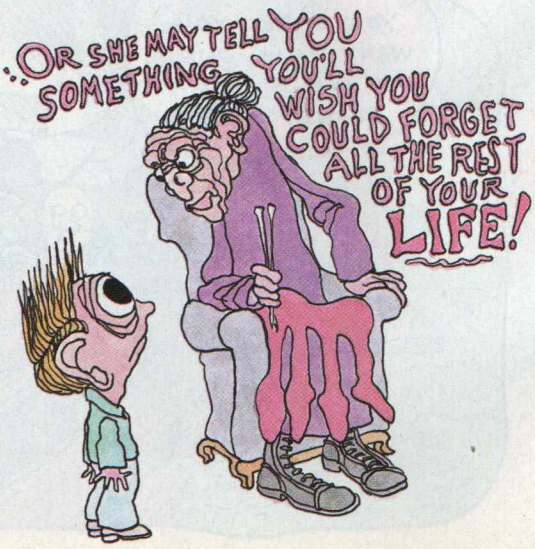
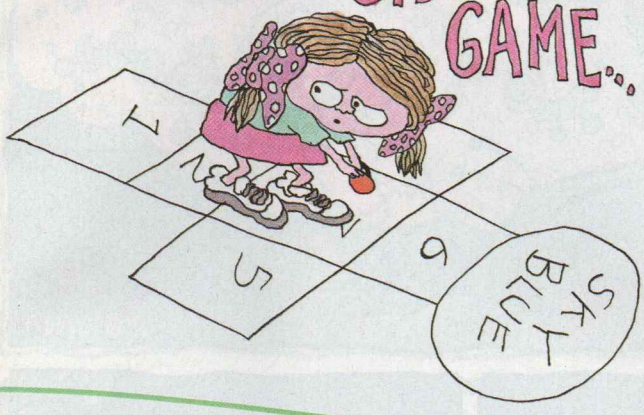


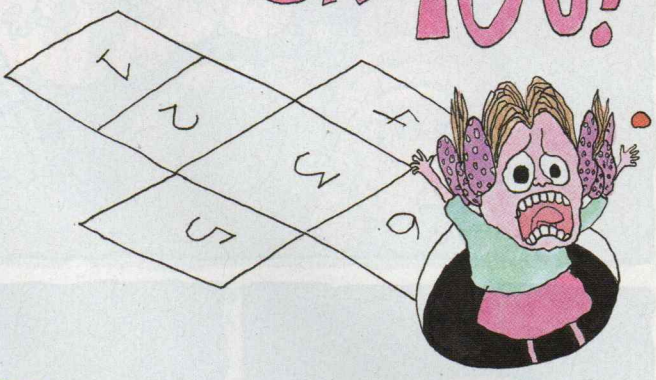




DON'T CHEAT ON YOUR SIDEWALK GAME...

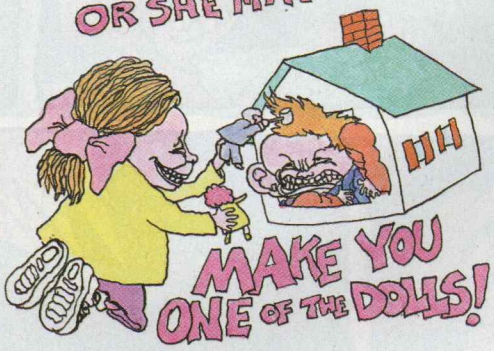


...OR THE GAME MAY CHEAT ON YOU!



DON'T TEASE YOUR SISTER ABOUT HER DOLLHOUSE...

OR SHE MAY MAKE YOU ONE OF THE DOLLS!



DON'T TRY TO SNEAK A FART DURING DINNER

DON'T BE MEAN AND NOT TELL A FRIEND HE HAS "CRUD" WRITTEN ON HIS FOREHEAD

OR HE WON'T TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR HORRIBLE BOOGER!

BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IN THE FAMILY MAY FART BACK!!

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Corey Barba

Dan Moynihan

Chris Schweizer

Say What? Winners

From the June 2009 issue

Bear: It's a good thing my ears are stuffed.*
David S., age 12
Van Dyne, Wisconsin

Bear: Wow, that boy sure can toot!
Troy Ray W., age 8
Bruceton, Tennessee

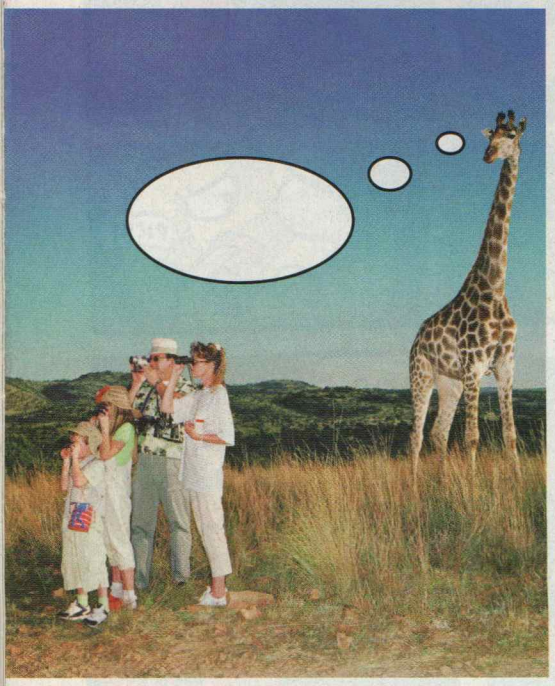
Bear: Why couldn't he have invited the Beanie Babies instead?
Megan H., age 14
Manchester, Maine

Bear: And we thought playing tea party with his sister was torture!
Paige C., age 12
West Bloomfield, Michigan

Bear: I liked his armpit solo better.
Kristin G., age 11
Walnut Creek, California

Bear: If I had the ability to move, I would run!
Haley C., age 8
Millville, Massachusetts

*We received a number of entries like this one.



From the July 2009 issue

Giraffe: Ooh, look! Wild animals!
Jacy Y., age 11
Berkeley Heights, New Jersey

Giraffe: You know, I'll look much better in your scrapbook than that tree.
Valerie M., age 12
Mobile, Alabama

Giraffe: Oh, my gosh—humans! This is the best safari ever!
Vishal G., age 11
Hockessin, Delaware

Giraffe: Let's hope they didn't see me. I'm not wearing clothes!
Alison S., age 9
Denver, Colorado

Giraffe: Get off my lawn!
Samuel G., age 7
Cleveland, Ohio

Giraffe: I can't believe the lions are tap-dancing *again*. Show-offs!
Kayla J., age 14
Augusta, Georgia

I hope he doesn't notice the talking dog.

Thanks for all your entries. We were up to our necks in great ones.

CUTOUT PRANKS

Use the covers on the next two pages to convince your friends and family that a very strange DVD and video game have just been released.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS FOR QUICK AND EASY PRANKING

1. Carefully cut out the next page along the dotted line.
2. Open up a DVD or video game case and carefully remove the cover. Just reach inside the plastic pocket (there's an opening at the top) and pull the cover out.
3. Insert the prank cover into the plastic pocket.
4. Close the case and prank away!

SuperStock (dentist office); courtesy Milda Hadaway (cornfield in inset); courtesy Kym McLeod (dark corn); courtesy Eran Chestnut (cornfield near house); courtesy Laura Galen (fleeing girl); courtesy Jonathan Kendrick (back cover background).

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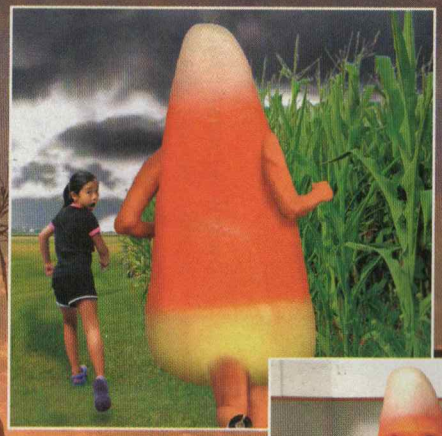
Soon after a mutant strain of corn appears on a Nebraska farm, enormous candy corns begin growing out of control! The monster sweets attack the townspeople, feeding off the enamel in their victims' teeth. Only one man can stop them...but he's at a dental convention in Phoenix!

What do they want?

Can they be stopped?



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Tone muscles, lose pounds, and learn to throw the perfect tantrum. Made to be used with the Wee Tantrum Board.

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- hissy
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- jealousy
- bad haircut
- temper tantrum
- too little sleep
- forced to dress up
- the gimme's

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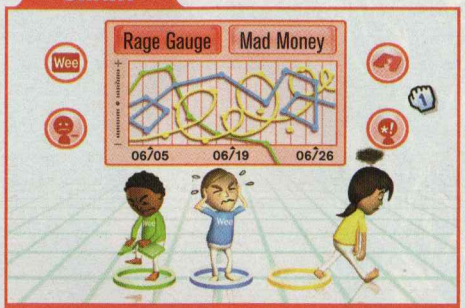

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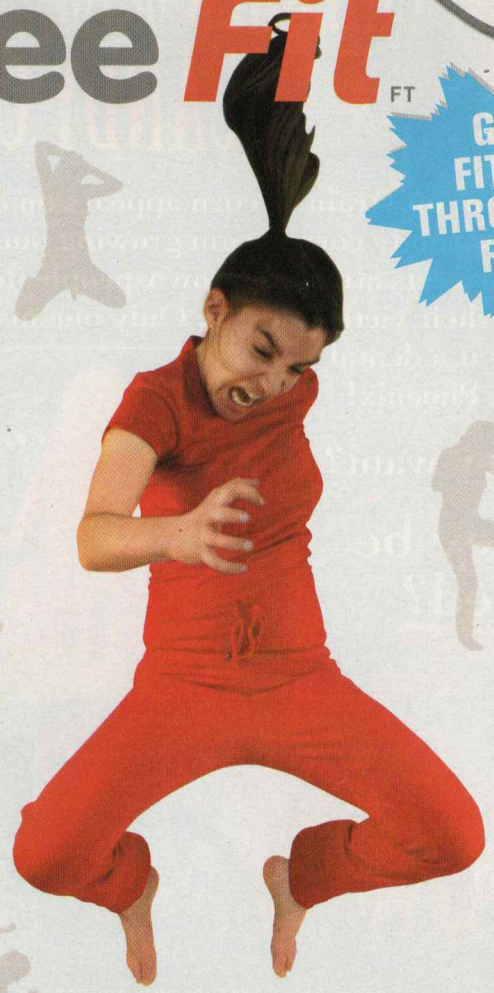

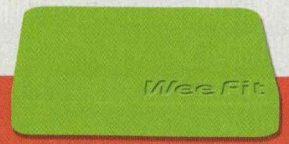

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Boo's Clues

This puzzle is haunted! The answer to each clue contains the word *boo*, which is represented by a ghost below. The 10 sets of blanks are waiting to be filled in—you have to figure out which one matches which clue. We solved the first one for you. See if you can do the rest without making any boo-boos.
Answers on page 32.

1. Face-covering game that babies love
2. You'll find it up your nose
3. If you throw it right, it'll come back to you
4. A panda's favorite snack
5. The last car on a train
6. Illegal copy of a movie or CD
7. Monkey with a big, pink butt
8. Place to pay before you go over a bridge
9. Someone who loves reading
10. Cat character in two of the Shrek movies

a. _ _ _

b. _ _ _ _ _

c. _ _ _

d. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

e. _ _ _ _

f. _ _ _ _

g. _ _ _ _ _ _

h. P E E K A

i. _ _ _ _ _

j. _ _ _ _ _ _

Say What?

Give this ghost something funny to say.

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Answers

SpongeBob SquarePuzzle #8 (page 11): **1–**Cross out square and pants, **2–**Cross out peach and bench, **3–**Cross out Mr. Krabs and Gary, **4–**Cross out star, sword, and clown, **5–**Cross out canoe, **5–**Cross out pinwheel, pineapple, and pink, **6–**Cross out Sandy and candy. SpongeBob can't find Plankton.

Boo's Clues (page 31): **1–**H (peekaboo), **2–**C (booger), **3–**J (boomerang), **4–**A (bamboo), **5–**I (caboose), **6–**F (bootleg), **7–**E (baboon), **8–**G (toll booth), **9–**B (bookworm), **10–**D (Puss in Boots).

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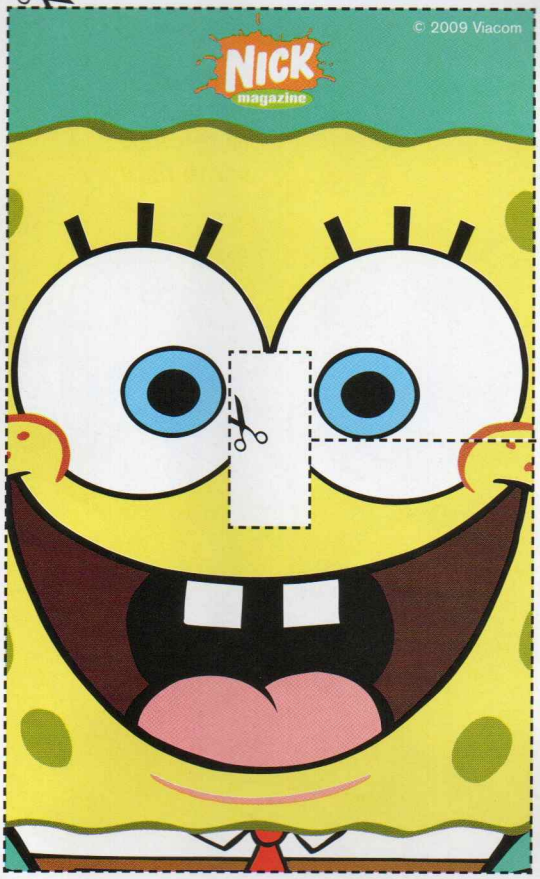

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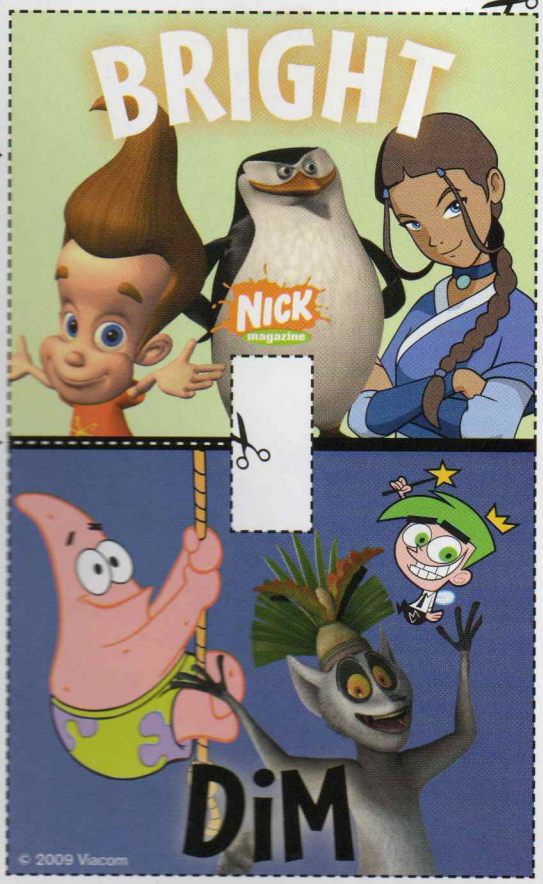

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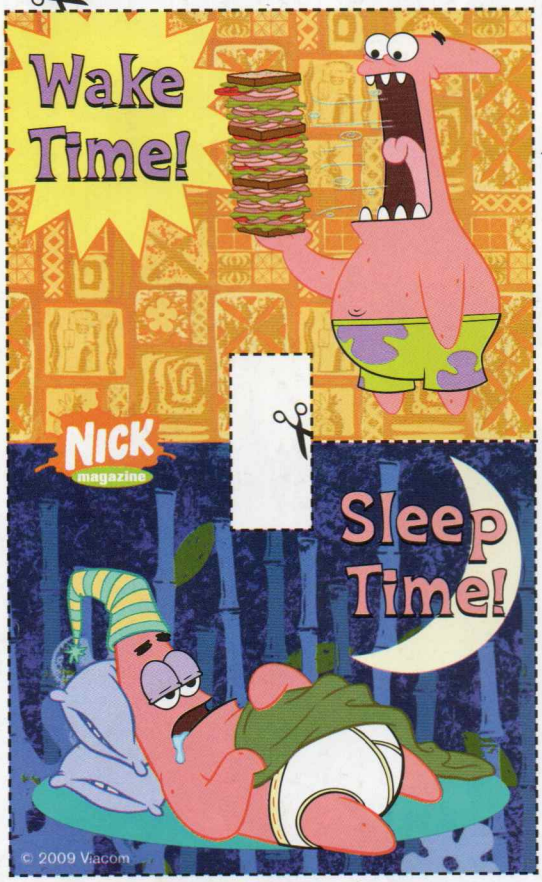

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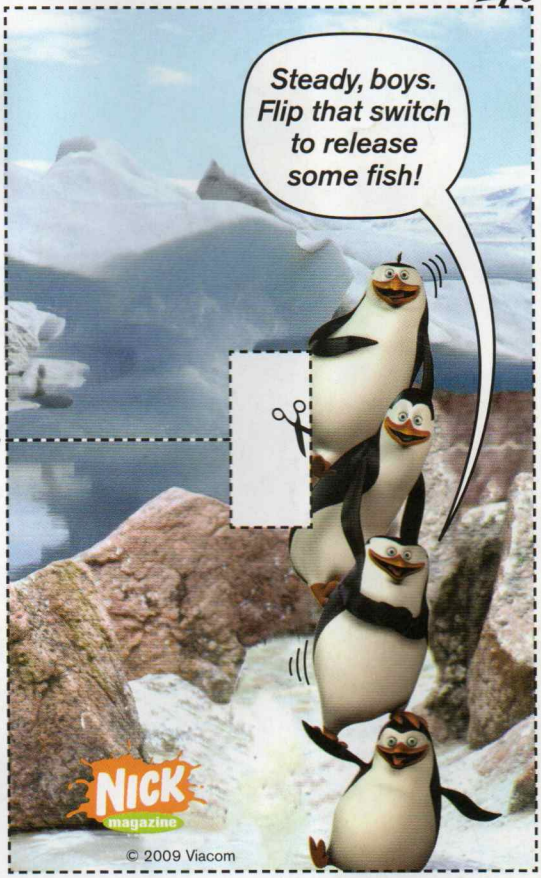

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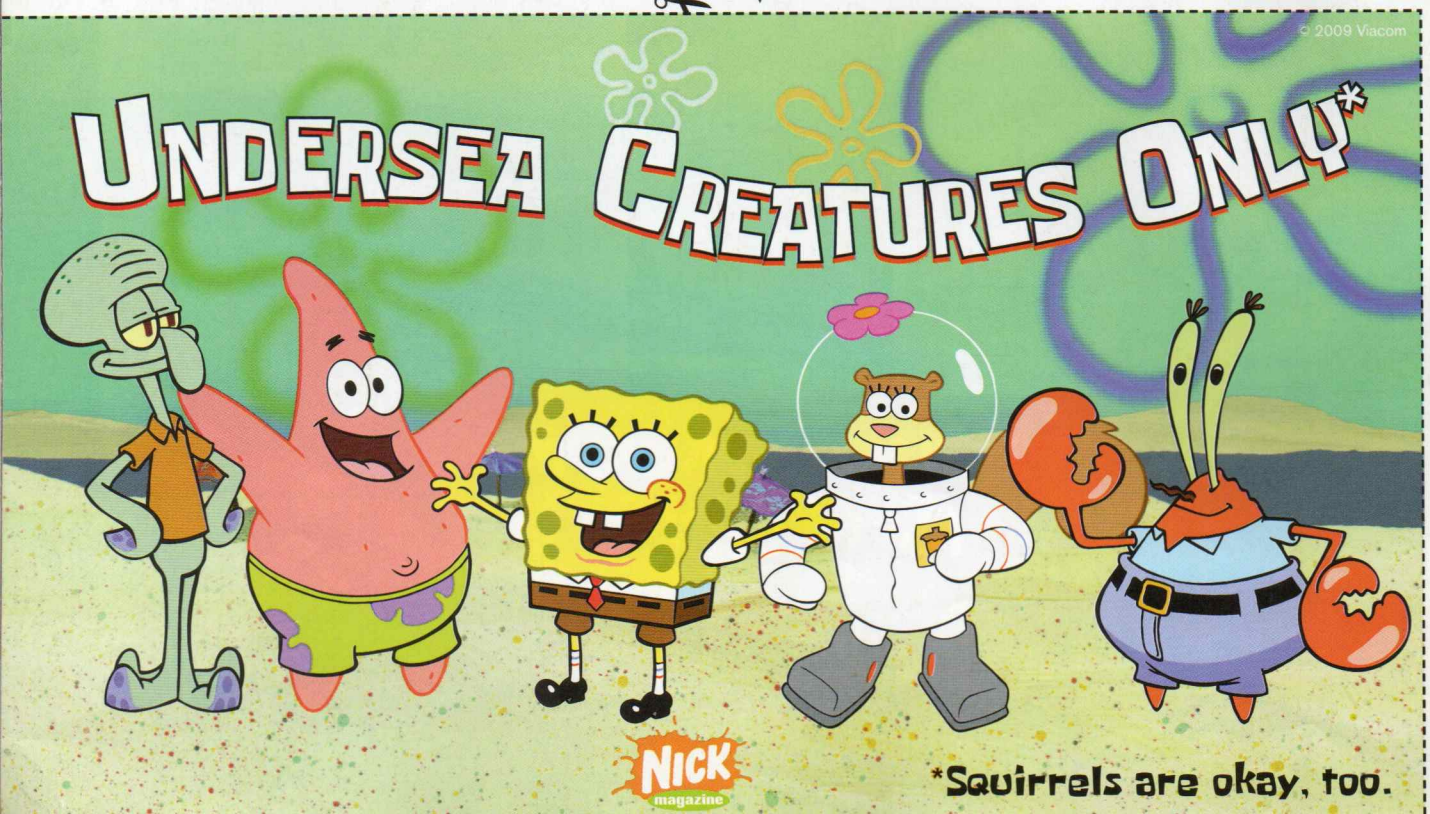

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